

and as one who labored mightily to accurately report Senators' statements for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. He was a stickler for detail and bent over backwards to make sure every aspect of his work was correct, as he strove to preserve Senate history to its fullest.

As a result of his tenacity and dedication, Ron was promoted to Chief Reporter in 1995. In that position, Ron was invaluable to the Senate in his dedication to the accuracy of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. He gave of himself unselfishly to be a fair and considerate supervisor.

Ron now retires to be with his wife, Pat, and their two married children, Jeff and Susan, and granddaughter Allison.

The Senate today says thank you to Ron and his family for his exemplary service to the Senate and its family. He truly is our friend.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise today to thank and applaud Ron Kavulick, the Chief Reporter of Debates, for the tremendous work that he did for the U.S. Senate. Being in charge of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD is a very demanding and important responsibility. For it is the historical document of the Senate—the bills we introduce, the statements that we make, and all of our debates are printed in the RECORD. I am often amazed how the RECORD is compiled and printed in such a short amount of time.

Ron was to have ended his Senate career at the close of the 105th Congress, but remained in his position as the Senate conducted the impeachment trial of the President. His experience was greatly appreciated throughout this historical proceeding.

Ron's reporting background is both extensive and impressive. He became an Official Reporter of the RECORD of Senate Debates in 1979 and served in that capacity until he was elevated to the position of Chief Reporter in 1995. Before that, he was an official court reporter in the Air Force's Judge Advocate General Corp, and while employed with Alderson Reporting Company, Ron had the opportunity to work at the White House. He traveled extensively both with President Johnson and President Nixon.

My staff and I personally cannot thank Ron enough for his service. He was always available, day or night, for any help that my staff or I needed. I once wrote that the single most exciting thing you encounter in government is competence, because it's so rare. In that case, Ron Kavulick is a rarity in government, and we are blessed to have had him in the Senate.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and, finally, that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 131) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 131

Whereas, Ron Kavulick will retire on June 30, 1999, from service to the United States Senate after twenty years as a member of the staff of the Official Reporters of Debates;

Whereas, he has served the United States Senate with honor and distinction since joining the staff of the Official Reporters of Debates on October 22, 1979;

Whereas, his self-determination and hard work as an official reporter resulted in his appointment to the position of Chief Reporter on May 22, 1995;

Whereas, Ron Kavulick, as Chief Reporter of the Congressional Record, has at all times executed the important duties and responsibilities of his office with dedication and excellence; and

Whereas, Ron Kavulick has demonstrated exemplary service to the United States Senate as an institution and leaves a legacy of superior and professional service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Ron Kavulick for his years of faithful service to his country and to the United States Senate.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Ron and Pat Kavulick.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DAY

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 145, S. Res. 21.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 21) to designate September 29, 1999, as "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to express my sincere appreciation to my colleagues for joining me in honoring the more than two million veterans of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, of the United States as we pass legislation I introduced earlier this year, S.J. Res. 21, to designate September 29, 1999, as Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day.

September 29, 1999 marks the centennial of the VFW. As veterans of the Spanish American War and the Philippine Insurrection of 1899 and the China Relief Expedition of 1900 returned home, they drew together in order to preserve the ties of comradeship forged in service to their country.

They began by forming local groups to secure rights and benefits for the service they rendered to our country. In Columbus, OH, veterans founded the American Veterans of Foreign Service.

In Denver, Colorado, veterans started the Colorado Society of the Army of the Philippines. In 1901, the Philippine War Veterans organization was started by the Philippine Veterans in Altoona and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1913, these varied organizations with a common mission joined forces as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. I am honored to salute this proud organization.

Mr. President, when many of us think about war veterans, we think about the tremendous sacrifices these defenders of freedom made to safeguard the democracy we cherish, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice. S.J. Res. 21 recognizes those contributions and sacrifices. It also recognizes the contributions that VFW members continue to make day-in and day-out in our communities—the youth activities and scholarships programs, the Special Olympics, homeless assistance initiatives, efforts to reach out to fellow veterans in need, and national leadership on issues of importance to veterans and all Americans. Over the last 100 years, members of the VFW have contributed greatly to our nation both in and out of uniform in ways too numerous to enumerate.

I have nothing but the utmost respect for those who have served their country. With this legislation, we honor the men and women and their families who have served this country with courage, honor and distinction. They answered the call to duty when their country needed them, and this is but a small token of our appreciation.

The centennial of the founding of the VFW will present all Americans with an opportunity to honor and pay tribute to the more than two million active members of the VFW and to all veterans, as well as to the ideals for which many made the ultimate sacrifice. I thank my colleagues for joining me in a strong show of support and an expression of thanks to the VFW and all veterans.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time and passed, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Joint Resolution (S.J. Res. 21) was read the third time and passed.

The preamble was agreed to.

The joint resolution, with its preamble reads as follows:

S.J. RES. 21

Whereas the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was founded on September 29, 1899;

Whereas the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will occur on September 29, 1999;

Whereas for the past 100 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has made valuable contributions to the well-being of veterans of the Armed Forces and to the States and their communities, and has exhibited national leadership on issues of importance to all veterans of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas the centennial anniversary of the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States presents an opportunity to recognize, honor, and pay tribute to the more than 2,000,000 veterans of the Armed Forces represented by that organization, and to all the individuals who have served in the Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That September 29, 1999, is designated as "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all Government agencies and the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 208 of the 105th Congress, appoints the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) to the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, vice the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS).

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE- MENT—SOCIAL SECURITY LOCKBOX

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, Senator LOTT, I ask unanimous consent that following the cloture vote on Thursday relative to the Social Security lockbox issue, if invoked, the Senate immediately proceed to the bill, and following the offering of the cloture motion on the pending amendment, the bill be laid aside until Friday, July 16.

I further ask unanimous consent that 9:30 a.m. on Friday there be 1 hour for debate to be equally divided in the usual form, and that the cloture vote occur at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 16, and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE- MENT—Y2K CONFERENCE RE- PORT

Mr. DEWINE. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate proceeds to the conference report to accompany H.R. 775, the Y2K liability bill, the reading be waived and it be limited to the following debate time: Senator McCain, 20 minutes; Senator DODD, 15 minutes; Senator WYDEN, 15 minutes;

Senator LEAHY, 10 minutes; and Senator HOLLINGS, 50 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DEWINE. I ask consent that immediately following that debate, the Senate proceed to a vote on adoption of the conference report with no other intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY JULY 1, 1999

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 1. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I further ask that the Senate then begin 1 hour of debate prior to the cloture motion to proceed to the Social Security lockbox issue, with time to be equally divided between the two leaders, or their designees, and that the live quorum be waived. I also ask that following the vote, notwithstanding rule XXII, Senator SPECTER then be recognized up to 30 minutes, as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the Majority Leader LOTT, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will convene at 9:30 a.m. and will debate cloture on the motion to proceed to the Social Security lockbox legislation for 1 hour, to be followed by a cloture vote at 10:30 a.m. If cloture is invoked, the leader will then file a cloture motion on the pending amendment, which is the Social Security lockbox issue. That cloture vote will occur at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 16, as under a previous order.

Following that action, Senator SPECTER will be recognized as in morning business for up to 30 minutes. Upon completion of Senator SPECTER's remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill with the hope of completing that bill during Thursday's session of the Senate.

Under a previous consent, all amendments must be offered by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday. It may also be the intention of the leader to debate and vote on the Y2K conference report and to begin consideration of any other appropriations bills cleared for action on Thursday.

Therefore, Senators can expect votes throughout the day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:02 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 1, 1999.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 30, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHARLES A. BLANCHARD, OF ARIZONA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, VICE WILLIAM T. COLEMAN III.

CAROL DIBATTISTE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE F. WHITTEN PETERS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BARBRO A. OWENS-KIRKPATRICK, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ROBERT H. FOGLESONG, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. CHARLES R. HEFLEBOWER, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. LANSFORD E. TRAPP, JR., 0000.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

LARITA A. ARAGON, 0000	KENNETH A. IRLAND, 0000
FRANCES M. AUCLAIR, 0000	CORA M. JACKSON, 0000
HENRY E. BELLION, 0000	RICHARD Y. JACOBSON, 0000
JAMES D. BLAZEY, 0000	EARL G. JAKUES, JR., 0000
THOMAS H. BOGUN, 0000	MURRAY O. KING, JR., 0000
JOHNNY E. BONNER, 0000	GARY D. LANHAM, 0000
MARK L. BOOTS, 0000	EMIL LASSEN III, 0000
MICHAEL G. BRANDT, 0000	VERGEL L. LATTIMORE, 0000
HUGH T. BROOMALL, 0000	KERMIT L. LEMON II, 0000
ALAN C. BUNTING, 0000	BRIAN E. LOFTUS, 0000
NORMAN L. BURSON, 0000	BENJAMIN F. LUCAS II, 0000
GEORGE N. CLARK, JR., 0000	WILLIAM MAJORANO, 0000
NEIL A. CURRIE, 0000	SCOTT B. MCEVOY, 0000
JOHN B. CYRACKS, 0000	WILLIAM E. MELL, 0000
PAUL E. DAVENPORT, 0000	DANIEL G. MORRIS, 0000
THORNE A. DAVIS, 0000	HENRY C. MORROW, 0000
JOHN E. DENT, JR., 0000	DANIEL ST. J. MORTAG, 0000
VAUGHN A. DUNHAM, 0000	JOHN F. NICHOLS, 0000
DONALD N. EDMANDS, JR., 0000	MICHAEL J. NUGENT, 0000
SHEREE M. ETTER, 0000	SYLVIA J. NYE, 0000
JUSTIN W. FISHER, 0000	DANIEL B. OHOLLAREN, 0000
WAYNE A. GALLO, 0000	PATRICK J. PAULI, 0000
TERRY A. GRAYBEAL, 0000	GARY L. PETERS, 0000
RONALD A. HALE, JR., 0000	RICHARD J. PROSEK, 0000
R. ANTHONY HAYNES, 0000	WILLIAM A. PROSISE, JR., 0000
MARK C. HOOPER, 0000	DONALD P. ROBERTS, 0000
HOWARD P. HUNT III, 0000	JOE A. ROSE, JR., 0000
THOMAS C. HUNCHINGS, 0000	JOSEPH R. ROSS, JR., 0000
CONSTANCE E. ILLING, 0000	DANIEL R. ROTA, 0000
ROBERT D. IRETON, 0000	TIMOTHY R. RUSH, 0000